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### **MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1964**

**To the Chairman and Members of the  
Pontardawe Rural District Council.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1964. The Report is compiled in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health as given in Circular 1/65 (Wales) and the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

The vital statistics for the area during 1964 were in keeping with those which would be expected to occur in a rural district of this kind. There was no outbreak of infectious disease and no case of poliomyelitis was notified. Amongst deaths from malignant disease a significant number were due to cancer of the lung and bronchus, 14 males and 2 females died from this condition all in the age groups 45 and over. Although it is not known how many of these persons were smokers or even heavy smokers, the increasing number of deaths from cancer of the lung further emphasizes the need for more progaganda in an attempt to reduce the number of cigarette smokers in the country. The national trend of increased deaths from coronary heart disease continued to show itself in this area, altogether a total of 91 such deaths occurred during 1964, 53 in males and 38 in females, the deaths in males tending to occur a decade earlier than those of females. During the year under review only one death occurred from tuberculosis and thus the steady fall in these deaths during the past 15 years continues, for example, in 1950, 23 deaths occurred from tuberculosis, in 1951, 17. During the following years the steady fall continued, and in 1961 1962 and 1963, 2 deaths occurred each year. 1964 is the first year in which only one death occurred.

The Public Health Department continued to pay attention to the housing needs of the area and during 1964, 178 families were rehoused, 68 in newly built houses and 110 in casual vacancies.

Pontardawe Council continued to carry out its policy of gradually discontinuing the small rural water supplies situated in the periphery of the area and serving an increasing number of outlying villages and hamlets with mains water from Swansea Borough reservoir at Cray. In January, 1964 the village of Rhiwfawr commenced to receive Swansea Borough water having previously

been supplied by several small and not always satisfactory local springs. Later in the year, Swansea water was extended to all parts of Craigcefnparc, previously supplied from four local sources, some of which gave an insufficient supply during periods of dry weather.

Two persons found to be need of care and attention were compulsorily moved to County Council hostel accomodation under powers granted under Section 47 of the 1948 National Assistance Act. It should be mentioned that this Council is very loathe to use these powers and does so very infrequently. However, the two persons referred to both adamantly refused to move of their own accord and would not have survived much longer in the very poor conditions in which they were living.

During 1964, advantage was taken of the Council's increased welfare powers under the National Assistance Act, 1948 (1962 Amendment Act) to examine the possibility of starting a meals on wheels service in the area. A sub-Committee of the Public Health Committee was set up and considerable progress was made in ironing out the many difficulties which were met. This Sub-Committee was also attended by representatives of the Women's Voluntary Service. It is hoped that their deliberations will bear fruit in the near future.

I would again wish to record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their interest and co-operation and also the Staff of the Public Health Department who have helped to maintain the services in a satisfactory state.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. M. DAVIES,

Medical Officer of Health.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

*Chairman of the Public Health Committee :*  
Councillor J. D. Maunder

### PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

*Medical Officer of Health :*  
Dr. G. M. Davies, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

*Chief Public Health Inspector :*  
Ieuan Lewis, M.B.E., F.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H. (Meat & Other Foods)

*Additional Public Health Inspectors :*  
G. A. Rees, M.A.P.H.I.  
D. J. Davies, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H. (Meat and Other Foods)  
H. Wynne Jones, M.A.P.H.I., C.I.Hsg., C.R.S.H.  
(Meat and Other Foods)

*Student Public Health Inspectors :*  
Enir Wyn Hodge (Part year)  
John Brian Evans (Part year)

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL

*Senior Assistant :* John Rogers  
Mary E. Davies, Rufus Thomas, Banks P. Rees,  
Dilys Bowen (part year) Beatrice Williams (part year)

### SECTION A — STATISTICS

Area as given on Ordnance Maps	.. ..	34,969 acres
Registrar - General's Estimate of mid-year population	.. ..	30,400
Rateable Value as at 1st April, 1964	.. ..	£747,884
Sum represented by a Penny Rate 1/4/64	.. ..	£2,838

**Live Births**

Number	..	..	..	..	485
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	..	..	..	..	18.02
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	..	..	..	..	4.33

**Still Births**

Number	..	..	..	..	8
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births	..	..	..	..	16.22
Total live and still-births	..	..	..	..	493
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	..	..	..	..	11

**Infant Mortality Rates**

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	22.68
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	..	..	..	..	23.71
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	..	..	..	..	—
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	..	..	..	..	14.43
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	..	..	..	..	12.37
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births)	..	..	..	..	28.40
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	..	..	..	..	Nil
Total Number of Deaths (all ages)	..	..	..	..	434
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	..	..	..	..	15.14
Deaths from Cancer	..	..	..	..	61
Death from Gasro-enteritis (under 1 year)	..	..	..	..	Nil

**FACTORIES ACT, 1961**  
**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1964 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT**  
**OF PONTARDAWE IN THE COUNTY OF GLAMORGAN**  
**Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961**

**PART 1 OF THE ACT**

1—INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	14	15	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	127	121	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) .. .. .	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL ..</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>



2—Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	12	12	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	—	—	—	—	—
Indadequate ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)	5	5	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient	3	3	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	20	20	—	—	—

#### Part VIII of the Act. HOMEWORK. (Sections 133 and 134)

There were no Outworkers registered with the Authority during 1964.

#### Report under Factories Act, 1961.

All factories were supervised in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and as indicated in the foregoing tables all defects were remedied without the institution of proceedings.

**CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1964  
IN THE RURAL DISTRICT OF PONTARDAWE**

S. N. O.	CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and Under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								
						1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75 plus
10	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ..	M F	5 2	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	1 1	2 1	1 —
11	Malignant neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	M F	14 2	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 1	3 1	8 —	2 —
12	Malignant neoplasm Breast ..	M F	— 3	— —	— —	— —	1 —	— —	— —	— —	— 1	— —	— 1	— —
13	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ..	F M	1 18	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 1	1 2	3 6	6 3	— 6
14	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	F M	16 3	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	1 1	— —	— —	1 —
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ..	F M	1 2	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 1
16	Diabetes ..	M F	2 2	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 1
17	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ..	M F	35 35	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	2 —	2 1	6 3	10 13	15 18
18	Coronary Disease, Angina ..	M F	53 38	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	5 1	9 —	13 9	21 14	5 14
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease ..	M F	2 5	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 1	1 2	1 2

20	Other Heart Disease	M	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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**GLAMORGAN (ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY) — VITAL STATISTICS — 1964**

	Est'd Pop. 1964	BIRTHS				DEATHS				INFANT MORTALITY		PERI-NATAL MORTALITY	
		No. of Births	Rate per 1,000 population		No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population	Rate per 1,000 live births		Stillbirths & deaths under one week	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			
			Crude	Adj'd			Crude	Adj'd					
England and Wales .. .. .	47,401,300	874,178	18.4	—	534,556	11.3	—	—	17,445	20.0	25,082	28.2	
Administrative County .. .. .	755,480	13,468	17.83	18.19	9,084	12.02	13.82		359	26.66	458	33.39	
Urban Districts .. .. .	526,090	9,345	17.76	18.29	6,450	12.26	14.22		267	28.57	335	35.18	
Rural Districts .. .. .	229,390	4,123	17.97	18.15	2,634	11.48	12.86		92	22.31	123	29.33	
<b>Health Division. Constituent Districts</b>													
Aberdare .. .. .	38,910	615	15.81	17.23	569	14.62	15.20		17	27.64	19	30.45	
Mountain Ash. Mountain Ash Urban .. .. .	29,510	534	18.10	18.10	343	11.62	14.06		9	16.85	18	32.91	
Caerphilly .. .. .	36,890	782	21.20	20.78	402	10.10	13.13		20	25.58	30	37.41	
Gelligaer .. .. .	35,000	676	19.31	19.31	398	11.37	14.78		23	34.02	27	39.36	
Mid-Glamorgan .. .. .	15,180	281	18.51	19.07	164	10.80	11.88		5	17.79	5	17.54	
Maesteg Urban .. .. .	21,590	370	17.14	17.83	215	9.95	12.34		16	43.24	21	55.41	
Ogmore .. .. .	20,890	347	16.61	17.11	258	12.35	15.31		13	37.46	13	37.04	
Porthcawl Urban .. .. .	11,880	240	20.20	23.23	153	12.88	10.82		5	20.83	7	28.69	
Penybont Rural .. .. .	44,280	955	21.57	20.71	506	11.43	11.54		18	18.85	28	28.87	

Neath and District	Neath M. B. . .	30,520	507	16.61	17.27	439	14.38	15.39	17	33.53	19	36.82
	Neath Rural	40,830	651	15.94	16.58	489	11.98	14.74	15	23.04	24	36.04
Pontypridd	Llantrisant Rural . .	27,580	553	20.05	19.05	295	10.70	13.91	15	27.12	19	33.69
Llantrisant.	Pontypridd Urban . .	35,160	584	16.61	16.94	517	14.70	14.85	23	39.38	22	37.10
Port Talbot	Glyncorrwg Urban . .	9,470	215	22.70	22.02	84	8.87	13.48	8	37.21	15	66.96
Glyncorrwg	Port Talbot M.B. . .	51,750	987	19.07	18.88	523	10.11	13.95	25	25.33	31	30.91
South East	Barry M.B. . .	42,460	800	18.84	19.41	457	10.76	12.05	19	23.75	27	33.17
Glamorgan	Cardiff Rural . .	52,430	894	17.05	16.54	597	11.39	10.71	22	24.61	21	23.23
	Cowbridge M.B.	1,140	12	10.53	10.64	11	9.65	10.04	—	—	1	76.92
	Cowbridge Rural	20,430	370	18.11	19.38	167	8.17	13.48	8	21.62	13	34.30
	Penarth Urban	21,350	372	17.42	18.81	271	12.69	12.06	8	21.51	6	16.04
West Glamorgan	Gower Rural . .	13,440	215	16.00	17.44	146	10.86	10.86	3	13.95	4	18.35
	Llwehwr Urban	25,260	406	16.07	17.19	301	11.92	13.11	10	24.63	17	40.87
	Pontardawe Rural	30,400	485	15.95	18.02	434	14.28	15.14	11	22.68	14	28.40
Rhondda M.B.	. . . . .	99,130	1,617	16.31	16.80	1,345	13.57	15.61	49	30.30	57	34.52

# INFANTILE MORTALITY

## Net Deaths at Various Ages Under One Year

CAUSE	Sex	AGE GROUPS					Total Deaths Under 1 Year	PARISH OR WARD		
		Under 24 Hrs	Over 24hr Und 1Wk	3—4 Weeks	1 Mth and Und 3 Mths	Under 6 months		Blaenegel Mawr	Alltygrug	Caegurwen
Asphyxia ..	M	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	
..	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Potent Ductus Artercosus ..	M	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	
..	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Meningomyelocele ..	M	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	
..	F	—	1	1	—	—	2	1	1	
Prematurity ..	M	1	2	—	—	—	3	1	2	
..	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida ..	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
..	F	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	
Acute Tracheo-Bronchitis ..	M	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	
..	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Broncho-Pneumonia ..	M	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	
..	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
TOTALS ..	M	1	3	—	3	1	8	3	2	
..	F	1	1	1	—	—	3	2	1	

# BIRTHS AND DEATHS 1947 — 1964

Year	Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (Adjusted)	Death Rate under One year per 1,000 Live Births	Death Rate per 1,000 Population (Adjusted)
1947	16.8	45.0	12.9
1948	16.5	37.1	11.8
1949	14.4	51.0	13.2
1950	13.97	35.09	14.15
1951	13.23	30.37	14.16
1952	14.57	32.05	13.30
1953	13.93	49.11	13.21
1954	14.26	39.22	13.36
1955	13.43	20.83	14.70
1956	13.97	27.33	16.07
1957	13.78	27.59	14.46
1958	13.55	18.78	15.52
1959	13.30	28.85	13.67
1960	13.55	35.55	14.70
1961	13.93	23.58	14.37
1962	14.22	25.35	14.70
1963	16.36	24.77	15.73
1964	18.02	22.68	15.14

# BIRTHS AND INFANT DEATHS — 1964

## BIRTHS

Live Births				Still Births			
	M	F	Total		M	F	Total
Total	250	235	485	Total	4	4	8
Legitimate	235	229	464	Legitimate	4	4	8
Illegitimate	15	6	21	Illegitimate	—	—	—

## INFANT DEATHS

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age				Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age				Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age			
	M	F	Total		M	F	Total		M	F	Total
Total	8	3	11	Total	4	3	7	Total	4	2	6
Legitimate	8	3	11	Legitimate	4	3	7	Legitimate	4	2	6
Illegitimate	—	—	—	Illegitimate	—	—	—	Illegitimate	—	—	—

## STATISTICAL TABLE — COMPARISON OF POPULATION BIRTHS AND DEATHS — 1939-1964

Year	Registrar General's Estimate of Population	Live Births		Deaths	
		Total	Rate per 1,000 Population	Total	Rate per 1,000 Population
1939	33,780	420	12.4	418	12.3
1940	33,220	484	13.8	420	12.6
1941	34,330	552	14.6	407	11.9
1942	32,510	583	16.8	399	12.3
1943	31,550	570	17.6	406	12.8
1944	32,250	571	17.7	411	12.7
1945	32,520	515	15.8	399	12.3
1946	33,160	576	17.4	408	12.3
1947	33,110	557	16.8	426	12.9
1948	32,760	539	16.5	386	11.8
1949	32,780	472	14.4	432	13.2
1950	32,650	456	13.97	462	14.15
1951	32,340	428	13.23	458	14.16
1952	32,110	468	14.57	427	13.30
1953	32,170	448	13.93	425	13.21
1954	32,190	459	14.26	430	13.36
1955	32,170	432	13.43	473	14.70
1956	32,050	439	13.97	477	16.07
1957	31,880	435	13.78	423	14.46
1958	31,750	426	13.55	452	15.52
1959	31,580	416	13.30	396	13.67
1960	31,450	422	13.55	428	14.70
1961	30,740	424	13.93	405	14.37
1962	30,820	434	14.22	408	14.70
1963	30,660	444	16.36	455	15.73
1964	30,400	485	18.02	434	15.14



# **ACCIDENTAL DEATHS (Excluding Motor Accidents) 1964**

Cause	Sex		PARISH OR WARD			
	M	F	Rhynd-clydach	Cilybebyll	Blaenegel & Mawr	Alltygrug
Fractured femur	—	1	1	—	—	—
Head Injury	1	—	—	—	—	1
Dislocated Spine after falling downstairs	—	1	—	1	—	—
Crush injuries to the Chest	1	—	—	—	1	—
Fractured Spine —fall from bedroom win- dow	—	1	—	—	1	—
Fractured Skull	1	—	—	1	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

**Note :** The three females were aged 86, 80 and 82 years respectively.

## **MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS — 1964**

Cause	Sex		PARISH OR WARD
	M	F	
Multiple Injuries	1	—	Caegurwen

## **SUICIDE — 1964**

Cause	Sex		PARISH OR WARD		
	M	F.	Blaenegel	Cwmllynfell	Caegurwen
Asphyxia due to hanging ..	1	1	—	1	1
Asphyxia—barbiturate poisoning ..	—	1	1	—	—

## SECTION B—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT

### (a) Laboratory Facilities.

Samples for bacteriological examination were again dealt with at the Public Health Laboratory, Cockett, Swansea, samples for chemical analysis including those connected with air pollution being taken to the County Laboratory, Cardiff, as in past years.

The number of samples taken during the year was as follows :

#### WATER :

BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	..	..	..156
CHEMICAL Analysis	..	..	.. 25

#### SWIMMING BATHS WATER :

BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	..	..	.. 20
CHEMICAL Examination	..	..	.. 6

#### MILK :

BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	..	..	.. 4
BIOLOGICAL Examination	..	..	.. Nil

#### ICE CREAM :

BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	..	..	.. 9
CHEMICAL Analysis	..	..	.. Nil

#### ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION :

LEAD PEROXIDE INSTRUMENTS	..	..	.. 12
DEPOSIT GAUGE	..	..	.. 9

### (b) Welfare Services, Hosptial and Ambulance Services.

Welfare Services in the area are maintained by the Glamorgan County Council and your officers work in harmony with the County Staff in matters affecting both authorities. Hostel accommodation for aged persons continues to be provided at the Danybryn and Gellygron Hostels which are of great benefit to the area.

The Glantawe Hospital Management Committee administer the Clydach and Gellynudd Hospitals and also the Hearing Aid service in the area. During the year the Management Committee in response to a request by your Councill arranged for one of the twice monthly sessions to be held at Clydach alternately with the one session continuing to be held at Ynisderw House.

The new County Ambulance sub-station at Church Street, Pontardawe, was opened during the year and the use of Ynisderw House as a sub-station has thus come to an end.

#### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951.

(a) **Burial of Unclaimed Dead.**

No formal action was necessary during the year.

(b) **Persons in need of care and attention.**

It became necessary to obtain Magistrates' Orders to remove two persons in need of care and attention to hostel accommodation during the year.

#### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

#### (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1962

Further sympathetic consideration was given during the year to the provision of a "Meals on Wheels" service and the likely requirements for such a service in this area are being ascertained.

### SECTION C—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### Water :

The main source of water supply to the area is the Cray Reservoir of the Swansea Corporation which is supplemented by additional supplies from the Council's own springs and tanks. These are maintained by the Council's Water Department. Some of the tanks are used for the storage of Cray water. Bulk purchases for the year ended 31st March, 1964, for industrial and domestic use were 778,591,000 gallons.

- (a) The water supply of the area in all parishes is generally satisfactory (i) in quality and (ii) in quantity.
- (b) Samples for chemical analysis and bacteriological examination of raw and treated water going into supply were taken throughout the year and results were generally satisfactory.
- (c) There was no evidence of contamination by lead in any of the samples analysed.
- (d) A piped mains water supply is available to most of the population of the area (30,000), covering 10,000 dwellings. Less than a hundred dwellings have private supplies from springs and wells and a few isolated houses still depend on standpipes.

### **Public Swimming Baths :**

The open air baths at Clydach and Ystalyfera continued in use during the summer months and were well patronised. They are maintained by the Rhyndwyclydach and Llanguicke Parish Councils respectively, the water being continuously circulated by pumping through high pressure filters and chlorinated. Samples were taken from time to time by this Council's public health inspectors and were found to be satisfactory.

### **Development of Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes.**

#### **(a) WATER :**

- (i) Rhiwfawr/Cwmllynfell Scheme (£28,759) - completed
- (ii) Craigcefnparc Scheme (£30,856) — completed
- (iii) Penydre, Clydach — due to corrosion and scale build up in this section a cleaning and coating contract (£2,390) was approved.
- (iv) Pentrebedw, Salem — a petition for a piped water supply was received from residents in this area.

#### **(b) SEWERAGE :**

- (i) Glais Privy Conversion Scheme (£4,398) — completed
- (ii) Alltyrug Farm Road Scheme (£785) — completed
- (iii) Swansea Valley Trunk Sewer & Sewage Disposal Works Scheme.

This major scheme was taken a stage further during the year. The Council accepted the advice of the Ministry on the design of storm water overflows and to engage consultant reinforced concrete engineers for the detailed design of reinforced concrete structures and tanks. Tenders were also accepted for screens and tanks.

- (iv) Ystalyfera Outfall Sewer and Sewer Diversion (£17,964) — in progress.

(v) Felindre Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme — in preparation.

(vi) Fforestgoch Sewerage & Sewage Disposal Scheme — in preparation.

### **SECTION D. — HOUSING**

Tables giving a summary of the Council's rehousing activities (a) during the year 1964 and (b) for the years 1946-1964 are included in this section of the Report.

# ANALYSIS OF APPLICANTS REHOUSED SUMMARY OF WARDS 1964

WARD	Rehoused under the points scheme										Type of Accommodation provided				Tr'sfers-sub-ten'cies			Total number families prov. with Alt. Acc. (Pts. Scheme, Other Cases, Transfers sub-tenancies)			
	Occupation			Total Fam'ss Reh'sd under Points scheme	Appli-cants g'ted priority on grounds of				Rehoused Outside Pts Schm (Keyw'ks etc.)	Type of Accommodation provided				No. of Trans-fers appro-ved	No. of sub-ten-ancies Auth- orised	Total trans-fers—sub-ten-ancies					
	Agriculture	Mines			Steel/Tin	Others	T.B.	Disability		Other ment	Other Illness	Unfit Houses	Living in Apts				New Houses		Casualties	Other Accom'n	Notes
Clydach	—	1	—	17	(1) 18	—	—	12	—	15	(2) 4+22	—	22	22Fam'ss reh's'd from prefabs	8	21	(3) 29	1 plus 2 plus 3 73			
Gellionnen	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	2	—	1	1	2	4			
Craigcefnparc	—	1	—	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	2	4			
Garnswilt—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Velindre	—	5	1	4	10	—	—	4	1	8	—	6	4	—	—	2	2	12			
Ynysymond	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1			
Cilybebyll	—	1	1	7	9	—	—	3	5	4	—	—	9	—	2	2	4	13			
Blaenegel & Mawr	—	2	—	6	8	—	—	5	3	3	—	—	8	—	5	13	18	26			
Godrergraig	—	3	—	9	12	—	—	5	5	6	—	6	6	—	6	9	15	27			
Allytgrug	—	6	—	25	31	—	—	16	7	13	—	3	28	—	16	13	29	60			
Cwmlynfell	—	6	—	13	19	—	—	5	5	7	1	7	13	—	11	4	15	35			
Caegurwen	—	18	—	22	40	—	—	15	12	18	—	24	16	—	15	7	22	62			
Totals 1964	—	43	2	106	151	—	—	68	39	76	27	46	110	—	66	73	139	317			
Add	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Previous Years	5	684	214	1082	1985	162	23	729	390	1226	106	1415	661	15	880	1093	1973	4064			
Total to December 1964	5	727	216	1188	2136	162	23	797	429	1302	133	1461	771	15	946	1166	2112	4381			

# ANALYSIS OF APPLICANTS REHOUSED SUMMARY FOR YEARS 1946—1964

WARD	Rehoused under the points scheme										Rehoused Outside Pts Schm (Keyw'ks etc.)	Type of Accommodation provided				Tr'sfers-sub-ten-ancies			Total number families prov. with Alt. Acc. (Pts. Scheme, Other Cases, Transfers sub-tenancies)
	Occupation			Total Fam's Reh'd under Points scheme	Applicants g'ted priority on grounds of					New Houses		Casualties	Other Accom'n	Notes	No. of Transfers approved	No. of sub-ten-ancies Auth- orised	Total trans-fers—sub-ten-ancies		
	Agri'ture	Mines	Steel/Tin		Others	T.B.	Disable-ment	Other illness	Unfit Houses									Living in Apts	
Clydach	—	120	44	293	(1) 457	27	9	179	34	352	(2) 55	309	179	5	345	236	(3) 581	(1) plus (2) plus (3) 1093	
Gellionnen	—	16	34	80	130	19	—	49	33	59	2	86	42	3	61	53	114	246	
Craigcefnparc	—	31	—	29	60	2	—	20	8	36	1	44	17	—	21	22	43	104	
Garnswilt—	—	45	2	26	73	6	—	19	11	47	2	48	27	—	10	21	31	106	
Velindre	2	11	2	7	22	—	8	3	11	—	3	16	8	—	6	11	17	40	
Ynysymond	2	34	41	126	203	20	6	72	56	111	31	156	75	—	46	81	127	361	
Cilybebyll	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Blaenegel & Mawr	1	62	61	189	313	28	1	138	59	193	22	236	95	5	103	170	273	608	
Godrergrag	—	74	16	92	182	14	3	45	69	89	2	141	44	—	61	139	200	384	
Altygrug	—	116	10	175	301	20	2	128	79	154	8	160	147	2	177	233	410	719	
Cwmillynfell	—	61	—	60	121	7	—	24	38	53	1	71	51	—	31	65	96	218	
Caegurwen	—	157	6	111	274	19	2	115	39	198	6	194	86	—	85	135	220	502	
Total to December 1964	5	927	216	1188	2136	162	23	797	429	1302	133	1461	776	15	946	1166	2112	22 Fam's reh's'd from prefabs 4381	



## SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Milk Samples.

The results of samples taken during the year for bacteriological and biological purposes are as follows. Examinations were made at the Swansea Public Health Laboratory.

	No. Taken	No. Satis- factory	No. Unsatis- factory	% Satis- factory
Public Health Laboratory, Swansea Bacteriological Examination	4	4	—	100%

### Icecream.

Samples were collected during the year and taken to Swansea Public Health Laboratory for examination. Details are as follows :

No. of Samples taken : 9	No.	%
Provisional Grade 1 : Satisfactory .. .. .	9	100%
„ „ 3 : Fair Only .. .. .	—	—
„ „ 2 : Fairly Satisfactory .. .. .	—	—
„ „ 4 : Unsatisfactory .. .. .	—	—

### Food & Drugs Act, 1955, (Section 16) Ice Cream Registrations

	PARISH OR WARD											
	Clyd	Gell	CCP	G.V	Ynis	Cil	B.M	Gd	Allt	Cwn	Cae	Tl.R
Manufacture and Sale :												
(i) Complete Cold Mix	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	3
(ii) Hot Mix	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	3
Sale :												
(i) Prepacked	24	7	5	4	—	13	19	8	23	7	18	128
(ii) Loose	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	2	8
	27	7	5	4	—	13	21	10	27	7	22	142

SAMPLES TAKEN IN THE PONTARDAWE RURAL  
DISTRICT BY THE COUNTY SAMPLING OFFICERS  
DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1964

Almonds (ground) .. ..	8	Marzipan .. ..	1
Aspirins .. ..	2	Meat Paste .. ..	1
Bicarbonate of Soda .. ..	6	Meat Products (canned)	10
Cake Sponge Pastry Mix etc...	20	Milk .. ..	186
Cereals .. ..	1	Mustard .. ..	1
Cheese Spread .. ..	4	Orange & Lemon Curd..	5
Cod Liver Oil .. ..	1	Peanut Butter .. ..	1
Coffee & Chicory .. ..	2	Peel (mixed) .. ..	1
Colouring .. ..	3	Pie Filling .. ..	3
Cooking Fat .. ..	1	Rice .. ..	4
Cream .. ..	12	Sago .. ..	4
Curry Powder .. ..	1	Salad Cream .. ..	2
Desiccated Coconut .. ..	4	Salt .. ..	1
Dessert Powder .. ..	1	Soft Drinks .. ..	24
Dripping .. ..	1	Soup (canned) .. ..	1
Evaporated Milk .. ..	3	Spaghetti (canned) ..	3
Fish (canned) .. ..	1	Spices .. ..	3
Fish Paste .. ..	2	Stomach Powder ..	1
Flavouring .. ..	9	Suet .. ..	3
Flour .. ..	5	Sweets .. ..	2
Fruit (canned) .. ..	2	Syrup .. ..	3
Fruit (dried) .. ..	3	Table Jelly .....	2
Fruit Juice .. ..	9	Tapioca .. ..	1
Glace Cherries .. ..	2	Tea .. ..	4
Gravy Browning .. ..	5	Vegetables (dried) ..	5
Health Salts .. ..	2	Vinegar .. ..	10
Honey .. ..	1	Vitamin Tabs. etc. ..	26
Ice Cream .. ..	4	Nutmeg .. ..	1
Jam .. ..	2	Cooking Oil .. ..	2
Lard .. ..	3	Vegetables (frozen) ..	1
Milk Shake Mix .. ..	1	Liquid Paraffin ..	1



# **CARCASES AND OFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED**

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows & Bulls	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed .. ..	1164	162	328	22534	4428
Number Inspected .. ..	1164	162	328	22534	4428
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis Whole Carcases Condemned	—	—	5	5	2
Carcases of which Some Part or organ was conbenmed	404	143	15	15029	2531
Percentage of Number affected with disease other than tuberculosis and .. .. cysticercosis .. ..	34.7%	88.29%	4.57%	66.69%	57.15%
Tuberculosis Only Whole Carcases Condemned	—	—	—	—	1
Carcases of which some Part or Organ was Condemned .. ..	1	—	—	—	51
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis .. ..	.086%	—	—	—	1.14%

Cysticercosis .. .. 2 Cases were found during the year.

## **LIST OF SCARLET FEVER CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1964**

Age Groups	Total	Sex	WARD OR PARISH
			Blaenegel and Mawr
3—4 years	1	M	1
TOTAL	1		1

# SECTION F — PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

## NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR EACH MONTH — 1964

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Jan.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Mch.</i>	<i>Apr.</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sept.</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Pneumonia .. .. .	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles .. .. .	22	5	—	4	13	24	12	8	12	24	29	6	159
Whooping Cough .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
TOTAL .. .. .	22	6	—	4	13	24	12	8	12	24	31	6	162

PARTICULARS OF INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS DURING THE YEAR 1964

DISEASE	WARD OR PARISH											Total
	Clydach	Gelli-onen	Ynysymond	Craig-cefn-parc	Garnswllt-Velindre	Cilybebyll	Blaen-egwl Mawr	Godrgraig	Allt-wen	Cwm-llyn-fell	Gwaun-caegurwen	
Scarlet Fever							1					1
Pneumonia	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	19	8	1	1	7	11	47	1	17	43	4	159
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTAL	20	9	1	1	8	11	48	1	17	43	4	162

## CANCER DEATHS — 1964

[illegible]

[illegible]

# CANCER DEATHS—LUNG AND BRONCHUS 1947—1964

Year	Sex	Total	Clydach	Pontardawe	Ystalyfera	Gwauncaegurwen
1947	M F	6 1	6 1	— —	— —	— —
1948	M F	9 1	3 1	1 —	2 —	3 —
1949	M F	12 —	8 —	3 —	— —	1 —
1950	M F	9 —	3 —	2 —	1 —	3 —
1951	M F	7 —	5 —	1 —	1 —	— —
1952	M F	12 —	9 —	2 —	— —	1 —
1953	M F	21 1	14 1	3 —	3 —	1 —
1954	M F	2 3	1 —	— 1	— —	1 2
1955	M F	16 1	4 —	4 —	6 1	2 —
1956	M F	17 —	8 —	3 —	4 —	2 —
1957	M F	10 —	4 —	3 —	1 —	2 —
1958	M F	18 —	10 —	3 —	2 —	3 —
1959	M F	12 —	3 —	4 —	1 —	4 —
1960	M F	13 1	5 —	4 1	3 —	1 —
1961	M F	8 1	5 1	2 —	1 —	— —
1962	M F	12 —	3 —	5 —	3 —	1 —
1963	M F	12 —	7 —	2 —	2 —	1 —
1964	M F	14 2	5 1	2 —	3 —	4 1

# CANCER DEATHS 1947 - 1964

Year	Sex	Total	Clydach	Pontardawe	Ystalyfera	Gwaun- caegurwen
1947	M	28	15	6	4	3
	F	27	7	9	4	7
1948	M	42	10	9	7	16
	F	20	3	9	5	3
1949	M	40	11	18	5	6
	F	24	4	7	2	11
1950	M	33	10	8	6	9
	F	23	8	5	4	6
1951	M	40	21	8	6	5
	F	22	6	5	4	7
1952	M	35	14	10	8	3
	F	31	10	6	10	5
1953	M	47	25	8	9	5
	F	28	8	8	6	6
1954	M	25	11	6	4	4
	F	23	5	13	1	4
1955	M	43	10	15	11	7
	F	30	5	9	9	7
1956	M	46	21	10	9	6
	F	35	10	10	6	9
1957	M	41	13	11	10	7
	F	26	7	5	6	8
1958	M	55	20	13	11	11
	F	33	11	8	6	8
1959	M	37	9	11	7	10
	F	23	8	4	7	4
1960	M	38	14	10	7	7
	F	34	6	10	3	5
1961	M	34	12	12	6	4
	F	32	11	6	4	11
1962	M	35	12	11	9	3
	F	25	8	8	6	3
1963	M	27	11	8	5	3
	F	24	7	5	9	3
1964	M	37	9	13	5	10
	F	24	8	10	1	5

## TUBERCULOSIS

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0—1 Year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14 years	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44 years	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
45—54 years	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64 years	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & upwards	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Age Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	4	1	1	1	1	—	—	—

Rate of Incidence of New Cases : .233 per 1,000 population

Death Rate from this Disease : .033 per 1,000 population

### NUMBER OF CASES ON TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE YEAR 1964

Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Respiratory and Non-Respiratory
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	Total
203	188	391	36	34	70	461

Rate of Incidence : 14.8 per 1,000 population

### NUMBER OF CASES ON TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER AT THE END OF THE YEAR 1964

Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Respiratory and Non-Respiratory
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	Total
206	189	395	37	35	72	467

Rate of Incidence : 15.6 per 1,000 population



# PARTICULARS OF TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS 1950 - 1964

Year	Pulmonary		Total	Non-Pulmonary		Total	Total Deaths All Forms
	Male	Female		Male	Female		
1950	10	10	20	1	2	3	23
1951	8	8	16	—	1	1	17
1952	13	3	16	—	1	1	17
1953	12	1	13	1	1	2	15
1954	8	2	10	2	—	2	12
1955	7	2	9	—	—	—	9
1956	1	3	4	—	—	—	4
1957	5	2	7	—	2	2	9
1958	2	—	2	1	—	1	3
1959	3	—	3	—	1	1	4
1960	2	1	3	—	—	—	3
1961	2	—	2	—	—	—	2
1962	2	—	2	—	—	—	2
1963	1	—	1	1	—	1	2
1964	1	—	1	—	—	—	1

# CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SHOPS' INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 1964

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your information my report for the year 1964, in relation to public health inspection.

During the year the basic services for which this section of the Public Health Department is responsible have been administered in accordance with the approved pattern. It has, in general, been a year where there have been no major changes. The report indicates together with statistical details matters which are of special interest.

The new Offices and Shops Act came into operation during the period and survey work has commenced.

## PART 1.—GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH.

### Inspections for the year, 1964

(a)	All types of premises under Public Health and Housing Acts	..	..	..	..	..	5,138
(b)	Infectious Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	76
(c)	Dairies, Milkshops, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	34
(d)	Factories and Workplaces	..	..	..	..	..	167
(e)	Verminous Premises	..	..	..	..	..	118
(8)	Miscellaneous (including Food Stores and Butchers' Shops)	..	..	..	..	..	2,721
(g)	Inspections under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1950	..	..	..	..	..	1,080
(h)	Inspections under Shops Act, 1950	..	..	..	..	..	811
(i)	Inspections of Licensed Premises	..	..	..	..	..	123
(j)	Meat Inspection — see appropriate section of report.						

## **Public Cleansing.**

### **(a) REFUSE COLLECTION.**

#### **(i) Direct Labour Collection.**

There were no changes in collection frequencies during the year. The arrangements now operating provide a daily collection for main roads with a twice weekly collection for all other premises. The comments made in previous reports regarding the change in refuse composition must again be referred to. Whereas in prewar years ash formed the principal content of refuse particularly in coal mining areas such as this, post-war analyses have indicated a reduction in ash content and an increase in paper, cartons and wrappings generally. Even where coal is used as the principal means of heating or cooking householders have tended to replace the old type grates with modern solid fuel appliances which being more efficient again reduce the ash content.

This situation creates problems both of collection and disposal. On the collection side there is need to increase the cubic capacity of vehicles. It may well be that refuse vehicles a few years hence will be equipped with shredders that will reduce the bulky materials to friable proportions while collection is going on. On the disposal side it is difficult to obtain compaction of collected material since it is principally of high volume and low weight. Increasing use is being made of mechanical plant for levelling and it may well be that the Council should consider the acquisition of a tractor vehicle for this purpose.

#### **(ii) Refuse Disposal.**

Land reclamation is the only method adopted in this area and as much control as possible is exercised in disposal. The combustible nature of present day refuse is such that tips need to be removed as far as possible from habitations. The new large capacity vehicles on order for your Council will reduce the number of loads to tip per day and so enable sites now to be considered that hitherto were uneconomically outside travel range. Regard is also being had to an entirely new development in the field of refuse disposal, namely, that of bulk reduction at the disposal site. The system is experimental at the moment but may well hold advantageous possibilities for areas such as this.

During the year tipping ceased at Carregyrafon Park in Godrergrai and the Patches, Ystalyfera, opened as an alternative site. The Cwmllynfell tip at the Bryn has been closed and a joint disposal site with Llandeilo Rural District Council opened at Cefnbrynbrain.

((iii) Contracts.

Contract collections are carried out at Velindre, Garnswllt, Cwmllynfell, Rhiwfawr, Cwmcerdinen and Tynyberllan.

b) NIGHT SOIL REMOVAL.

Contract collections are carried out at Rhiwfawr, Cilybebyll, Craigcefnparc and Velindre. Ynysymond Privy Conversion Scheme now being completed, only a few houses remain outside the possibility of collection in this area. Most of the areas at present collected are districts excluded in the immediate post-war years from sewerage schemes on the grounds of cost. Some twenty years later it is pertinent to ask whether these areas should not now be reviewed and efforts made to include them within the existing schemes. The houses concerned are in most cases sound and well maintained and their connection to main drainage is a matter worthy of consideration. A new scheme is proposed for Velindre. When completed it will do much to reduce some of the drainage nuisance which besets this delightful area.

						No. of pails removed during the year 1964
Area						
Rhiwfawr	..	..	..	..	..	3,071
Ynysymond	..	..	..	..	..	845
						<hr/> 3,916 <hr/>

(c) STREET CLEANING.

The Council pays an annual amount within the terms of the Public Health Act, 1936, to the County Council for the cleansing of highways by this latter authority. The repayment basis has been agreed throughout Glamorgan by the constituent county districts and cleansing is carried out on a mechanized basis.

(d) LITTER.

Experience has shown that litter bins with moving parts such as lids and bases corrode quickly in heavy rainfall. The Council's approval of open type litter bins with inner liners will be an improvement on those at present in operation.

REFUSE COLLECTION, 1964

ORGANIZATION					VEHICLES & PERSONNEL			
District No.	Area Served	Approx. No. of Houses Served	Frequency of Collection	Disposal Points	Make of V'icle	Type and Body	Date of First Registration	No. of Personnel
1	CLYDACH All Clydach to Mond Works. Craigcefnparc	1914	Main Roads daily, Monday to Friday. Business Premises Primarily Wednesday Other Roads, Twice Weekly	Rhyddwen Craigcefnparc	Karrier	2-3 ton 7 cu. yard all steel covered body	25/3/56	3
2	ALLTWEN & CLYDACH Clydach from Mond to Cross, Pontardawe, Gellynudd, Rhos Alltwn, Glais	2091	do	do	Karrier (Diesel)	2-3 ton 7 cu. yd. all steel covered body	1/10/58	3
3	PONTARDAWE Rhydyfro, Ynysmeudwy up to Jubilee Stores plus Maesycloed, Pen-darren, Tanydarren. All Pontardawe	1727	do	Canalside Tip	Karrier (Diesel)	3-4 ton 18/24 cu. yd. all steel covered body	11/11/63	3
4	YSTALYFERA Cwmtrwrch, Godrergraig down to Jubilee Stores Plus all Side Streets	1765	do	Allytgrug Ystalyfera	Bantam Karrier (Diesel)	3-4 ton 10 cu. yard all steel covered body	19/11/60	3
5	GWAUNCAEGURWEN Whole of Caegurwen Ward	1678	do	Brynamman Common	Karrier (Diesel)	2-3 ton 7 cu. yard all steel covered Body	9/1/60	3
General Replacement	All Areas as required during emergencies				Karrier (Diesel)	2-3 ton 7 cu. yard all steel covered body	1/12/56	

## **Factories Act, 1961.**

The provisions of this Act were where necessary applied during the year.

## **Rodent Destruction.**

The appropriate table in this report shows the action taken in each ward for rat destruction during the year. The public is well aware of the service available through the Department and it is found that complaints from numerous sources are made promptly to the Department so soon as the infestations are noted. The Department endeavours to be equally prompt in its response to these complaints for when a householder becomes aware of the presence of rats there arises an instinctive and quite understandable concern and apprehension until eradication treatments are commenced. Rats are known to breed prolifically and require three things, namely, food, shelter and no disturbance. Rat control therefore must include a denial of food, a refusal of shelter and efficient treatment. In so far as the first two are concerned the household can play a great part by ensuring that food scraps are not allowed to accumulate where rats can feed and also by structural work when sheds and other buildings are erected. It is the local authority's responsibility to ensure that its premises are protected and efficient and that such places as river banks, canals and refuse tips are treated regularly.

Rat resistance has recently become a focus of national interest. Two areas are known to exist, one in Wales where rats are able to feed on poison bait which hitherto would have killed them. They have been found to be resistant to the poison, warfarin, which in post-war years has been so effective in control. Its value lies in the fact that generally speaking it is a safe poison affecting only rats. There is no evidence at this moment that warfarin resistant rats are present in this area. There are, of course, alternative poisons, some of them extremely dangerous due to their effect upon human beings. One particular poison which is very effective against rats is also so toxic to humans and warm blooded animals that rats killed by it have to be carefully collected and buried. This particular poison is not used in this area. The policy of non-toxic chemicals for rats and insects still applies in the area. It is hoped that there will be no need to depart from this practice.



# RODENT DESTRUCTION, 1964

WARD/PARISH	Premises treated, Including Refuse Tips, Brooks, River Banks			Sewer Treatment		Combined Figures		
	No. Treated	No. of Baiting Points	No. of Baits Laid	No. of Manholes Treated	No. of Baits Laid	Total Premises & Manholes Treated	Total No of Baiting Points	Total Baits Laid
37 Clydach	40	1036	3108	25	75	65	1061	3183
Gellionnen	30	820	2460	14	42	44	834	2502
Mawr	8	310	930	—	—	8	310	930
Ynisymond	2	40	120	—	—	2	40	120
Cilybebyll	30	675	2025	—	—	30	675	2025
Blaenegel & Mawr	66	1712	5136	24	72	90	1736	5208
Godrergraig	16	435	1305	11	33	27	446	1338
Alltygrug	34	970	2910	16	48	50	986	2958
Cwmllynfell	21	647	1941	—	—	21	647	1941
Caegurwen	58	1890	5670	37	111	95	1927	5781
TOTALS	305	8535	25605	127	381	432	8662	25986

# HOUSING: REPAIR, OVERCROWDING AND DEMOLITION.

## (a) Repair.

The standard of housing in the area is generally good. While many of the houses in the upper part of the Swansea Valley are old and of the terraced type, they are in the main owner occupied. The problem of the absentee landlord or of the large property company which besets so many of our large towns is fortunately not apparent in this valley. Most families endeavour to acquire and own their own houses and the Council's work both in the fields of small dwellings acquisition and improvement grants has done much to improve housing standards. Where houses are tenanted and defects are noted it has been found that landlords are prepared to comply with your officers' requirements without the need for formal court action.

WARD	Demolition Order	Undertaking Accepted	Undertakings Cancelled	Closing Order
Cilybebyll .. ..	—	3	4	—
Alltygrug .. ..	—	7	3	—
Rhyndwyclydach ..	2	—	1	—
Gellionnen .. ..	—	1	3	—
Caegurwen .. ..	5	10	2	—
Blaenegel & Mawr ..	—	2	2	—
Cwmilynfell .. ..	—	1	1	—
Ynysmond .. ..	—	—	—	—
Godrergraig .. ..	5	3	1	1
Mawr/Craigcefnparc	—	—	—	—
Velindre/Garnswllt	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	12	27	17	—

## Rent Act, 1957.

No of Certificates of Disrepair Granted ..	Nil
Number of Undertakings given by Landlord ..	Nil
Number of Certificates Cancelled during the Year	Nil

## (b) Demolition and Closure.

The table indicates action taken in the various wards during the year. The remarks made in previous years regarding the general procedure again apply.



### **Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the Year.**

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	604
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	2,122
(2)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	39
(3)		Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	429

### **Remedy of Defects during the Year without the Service of Formal Notices :**

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	113
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### **Action under Statutory Powers During the Year :**

(a)	Proceedings under sections of the Housing Act, 1957 :	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(a)	by Owners	Nil
(b)	by Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts :	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	2

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices		
(a) by Owners	.. .. .	2
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners	..	Nil
(c) Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 :		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	.. ..	12
(2) Premises in respect of which Undertakings to repair were accepted	.. .. .	27
(3) Undertakings cancelled	.. .. .	17
(4) Closing Orders	.. .. .	—
(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 :		
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	.. .. .	Nil
(2) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit	.. .. .	Nil

#### **Housing Act, 1957—Part 1.—Overcrowding.**

(a) (1) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year	.. .. .	29
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	..	42
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	..	159
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	.. .. .	4
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	.. .. .	50

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	199
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding .. .. .	Nil
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	Nil

### Common Lodging Houses.

The one common lodging house in the area was registered as a suitable premises. There is little casual use and conditions are well up to standard.

### Caravans.

The Caravan Act together with the need for planning approval gives a local authority a great deal of control over these temporary dwellings. The problem in this area is, of course, minimal and is in the main confined to people who wish to reside in a caravan while attempting to rent or purchase a permanent house. Co-operation between the appropriate departments of your authority ensures that the difficulties which beset some authorities do not occur here.

### Land Charges.

A total of 487 land charges inquiries were dealt with departmentally during the year. These were distributed on Ward basis as follows :

Ynysymond .. .. .	9	Gellionen .. .. .	39
Cilybebyll .. .. .	74	Craigcefnparc .. .. .	10
Blaenegel & Mawr .. .. .	77	Godrergrraig .. .. .	28
Alltygrug .. .. .	54	Cwmllynfell .. .. .	12
Caegurwen .. .. .	63	Velindre/Garnswllt .. .. .	10
Clydach.. .. .	111		

TOTAL — 487

## Atmospheric Pollution.

It may well be said that there is no problem of atmospheric pollution in these valleys. The heavy industries and the stacks which once dominated the valley floor have gone ; taking with them both employment and pollution. The light industries which mat well in the future supersede them are unlikely to cause any difficulty Domestically, coal burned is mainly anthracite having a very low volatile content while the remainder being bituminous in nature is still from a volatile point within the smokeless limit. The recordings of air pollution are given below. It should be noted that the deposit matter is not of general signifiace and indicates only sites where the recorder has been set up to measure an extremely localised deposit.

### AIR POLLUTION RECORDING RESULTS

Month	Deposited Matter Tons per sq. mile	Mg. of SO <sub>3</sub> day collected by 100 sq.cm. of batch A Pb02 (louvered cover)	
		The Convent Clydach	High Street Clydach
January ..	12.91	0.77	0.63
February ..	11.57	0.49	0.64
March ..	19.00	0.45	0.59
April ..	18.97	0.76	0.53
May ..	48.08	0.54	0.33
June ..	25.80	0.33	0.31
July ..	101.05	0.33	0.21
August ..	24.08	0.31	0.23
September ..	29.64	0.52	0.44
October ..	—	0.58	0.48
November ..	—	0.79	0.65
December ..	—	0.51	0.55

## General Public Health.

The statistics in the earlier part of this report indicate the wide range of duties carried out by the Department but it is proposed to refer here to a few matters of particular interest which have been dealt with during the year.

### (1) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The above Act came into operation in part in May of the year under review and a survey of all premises has been commenced.

It is unlikely that any serious problems will arise in its administration but the powers now available will make it possible to elevate the conditions under which persons are employed in premises that have hitherto been outside the Department's purview. It will be premature at this point to draw any conclusion from the survey undertaken except to report that in general circumstances found were in the main satisfactory.

## **(2) Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963.**

This Act of recent origin requires all persons keeping an animal boarding establishment to be licensed by the Authority. Your Council has power to lay down reasonable conditions protecting both animal and public health. One application has been received and the views and opinions of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals were sought. The assistance of this body in regard to animal requirements was indeed most helpful.

## **(3) Telephone Kiosks.**

During the year your Council received and considered a report concerning misuse of telephone kiosks in the area. Inspections were made of certain kiosks when it was found that they were being rendered unusable by reason of structural damage and otherwise. As a result of the Council's subsequent public advertisement and press reports emphasizing the vital importance of kiosks in emergency, it is thought that the public were made aware of the need for ensuring their protection.

## **(4) Swansea Valley Canal.**

This matter occasioned a number of discussions by the Public Health Committee during the year and is likely to be well in the fore for matters under consideration in the immediate future. The canal traverses the valley floor from Ystalyfera to Clydach, a distance of approximately 8 miles. The problems arising from its existence are at present twofold. The upper part of the canal from the Breconshire boundary to Godrergraig, Church Road, carries no water except for those discharges which over the years have with or without authority emptied into the once full canal. This stretch therefore carries little water and is becoming badly overgrown. Discussions with British Waterways, the body responsible for the canal have been undertaken during the year and a meeting with the national representatives has taken place at Cardiff. There is reason to believe that these discussions may result in a project to pipe and fill this disused portion.

From Godrergraig to Clydach the canal flows normally providing industrial water to undertakings in the lower part of the area. This particular length is also being discussed with British Waterways and requests made for improvements to be carried out at certain points.

**Inspection and Supervision of Food.**

**(1) Milk.**

Only designated milks are sold within the area. The bulk of such sales are T.T. Pasteurised. Inspections are made of dairies, milk distribution vehicles and sites where bulk supplies are delivered for local retail. Action over the years has effected considerable improvement in places where these supplies are put out for further collection. Samples are taken to ensure efficient pasteurisation and to see that no other infections are present.

**Milk Supply.**

(a)	Number of Inspections made of Dairies and Milk shops during the year .. .. .	34
(b)	Number of dairies which were internally reconditioned new floors and channels in cement concrete, additional windows fixed for improving the lighting, ventilation, new stalls and troughs, etc. erected	Nil
(c)	New dairies erected . . . . .	Nil
(d)	Number of Dairies limewashed on internal surfaces of walls and interior of roofs cleansed as the result of informal action taken .. .. .	6

**(2) Meat Inspection.**

Two slaughterhouses privately owned operate within the area. The Department maintains a 100% inspection of all meat slaughtered for human consumption. The attached table indicates the number of animals inspected and the diseased conditions found. Both premises have been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and were found by them to comply with the Slaughterhouse Regulations.



## MEAT INSPECTION

The following table indicates the number of animals slaughtered and inspected and the weight of meat condemned for the period 1st January, 1964 to 31st December, 1964.

Organ	Disease	No. of Cows Affected	Weight of meat Cond'med (lbs.)	No. of Heifers & Bullocks	Weight of meat Cond'med lbs.)
Bovines Liver	Abscess	9	85	64	616
	Angioma	24	318	6	50
	Cirrhosis/Necrosis	47	337	130	755
	C. Bovis	—	—	1	15
	Distomatosis	43	285	175	895
	Hydatid Cysts	10	152	10	125
	Telangiectasis	3	52	—	—
	Bacterial Necrosis	1	16	—	—
	Multiple Abscesses	—	—	6	88
Lungs	Abscess	11	108	24	208
	C. Bovis	—	—	1	10
	Emphysema	13	122	6	60
	Hydatid Cysts	8	83	13	126
	Pleurisy	5	54	46	373
	Pneumonia	10	94	13	118
	Tuberculosis	—	—	1	10
Head & Tongue	Actinobacillosis	1	6	4	88
	Actinomycosis	4	130	2	60
	Abscess	—	—	1	30
	C. Bovis	—	—	1	32
Heart	C. Bovis	—	—	2	5
Spleen	Hydatid Cysts	1	3	—	—
	C. Bovis	—	—	1	3
Carcase	Bruising	—	—	1	10

	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Others</i>
Total Number slaughtered and inspected	162	1164
Total Number affected with Disease ..	143	404
Weight of Meat Condemned ..	1867 lbs.	3659 lbs.

SHEEP

No. of Animals Slaughtered & Inspected	Organ Involved	Disease	No. of Animals Affected	Weight of Meat Condemned lbs.
Sheep	Liver	Abscess	935	657
		Cirrhosis		
		—Necrosis	460	748
		Distomatosis	186	235
		Hydatid Cysts	393	1198
		Parasites	7596	5401
		Congestion	152	100
	Lungs	Abscess	56	78
		Congestion	732	512
		Hydatid Cysts	359	709
		Parasites	10796	5615
		Pleurisy	34	47
		Pneumonia	3023	1825
	Heart	Pericarditis	20	13
		Abscess	2	2
	Spleen	Hydatid Cysts	1	1
	Carcase	Leg Fracture	1	5
		Dog Ravaged	1	8
		Moribund	2	75
		Abscess	2	12
		Bruising	9	99
		Emaciation	3	61

Total Number of Sheep Slaughtered and Inspected	..	22,534
Total Number affected with Disease	.. ..	15,029
Weight of Meat Condemned	.. .. .	17,401 lbs.
Overall Total of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected	..	28,616
Overall Total of Animals affected with Disease	.. ..	18,122
Total Weight of condemned	.. .. .	29,544 lbs. (equal to 13.18 tons)



No of Animals Slaughtered & Inspected	Organ Involved	Disease	No. of Animals Affected	Weight of Meat Condemned (lbs.)
Pigs (incls. Sows Boars, etc.)	Liver	Abscess	24	54
		Congestion	1	4
		Hydatid Cysts	2	8
		Parasites	1364	1998
		Peritonitis	20	72
		White Spot	143	208
		Fever	1	3
	Lungs	Abscess	13	30
		Congestion	271	480
		Hydatid Cysts	2	4
		Parasites	327	343
		Pleurisy	133	278
		Pneumonia	1432	2241
		Fever	1	3
	Heart	Tuberculosis	1	2
		Abscess	164	154
	Head	Pericarditis	1	1
		Fever	50	411
	Carcase	Tuberculosis	3	24
		Abscess		
	Carcase	Subcutaneous Abscess	2	4
		Abscess	9	34
		Bruising	4	8
		Tuberculosis	1	110
		Fever	1	95
		Fractured Leg	1	13
	Kidneys	Hydronephrosis	2	3
		Abscess	1	1
Calves	Liver	Immaturity	1	2
	Lungs	Melanosis	2	4
		Pneumonia	8	13
		Immaturity	1	2
	Carcase	Emaciation	1	20
		Bruising	2	28
		Immaturity	1	18
		Septic Athritis	1	35

	Calves	Pigs
Total Number Slaughtered and Inspected	328 lbs.	4428
Total Number affected with Disease	.. 15	2531
Weight of Meat Condemned	.. .. 122	6495 lbs.

## Food Hygiene.

Food Hygiene Regulations are fully implemented in the area. As well as bringing existing premises up to standard and ensuring that the standard is maintained steps are taken when new food premises are projected to see that the Department is involved at the earliest date. It is thus possible to ensure proper construction and design from the initial planning. With regard to the mobile shop it is felt that further powers are necessary if these are to be adequately controlled and there is reason to believe that new powers in this direction will soon be available to help officers.

### Number of Food Premises in the Area by Type of Business.

	Number of Shops
Bakers and Pastrycooks (Including all bread and flour confectioners) .. .. .	12
Butchers (Including Pork Butchers) .. .. .	40
Coffee, Milk and Snack Bars .. .. .	13
Confectioners (Sweets and Chocolates) (Including Theatres, Cinemas, Departmental Stores, Newsagents, etc) .. .. .	142
Fishmongers : Wet .. .. .	13
Fried .. .. .	22
Fruiterers and Greengrocers (Excluding Stallholders and Hawkers) .. .. .	112
Grocers, Tea and Provision Dealers .. .. .	197
Restaurants and Cafes (Unlicensed) .. .. .	7

## Ice Cream.

Samples of ice-cream taken during the year have generally proved satisfactory. Most of the ice-cream sold in the area is of national manufacture, hygienically prepared and well packed. It is important, however, that retailers in the area understand the nature of the product they handle and are well versed in the steps necessary to prevent its contamination.

**Unfit Foods.**

The following articles of food were inspected and found to be unsound, and surrendered voluntarily for condemnation.

Butter .....	56 lbs.	Frozen Fish .....	57 Pkts.
Canned Fish .....	84 tins	„ Foods (Miscellaneous	25Pkts.
Canned Fruit .....	349 tins	„ Meat Products ....	78 Pkts.
Canned Meat (Assorted)	174 tins	„ Vegetables.....	42 Pkts.
Canned Meat (Bulk) ..	400 lbs	Ice-Cream .....	760 bars
Cheese .....	48 lbs.	Flour (Mixture) .....	6 Pkts.
Confectionery ....	157 cartons	Meat (Fresh) .....	440 lbs.
Chocolates .....	37 bars	Sauces .....	2 bottles
Tins (Assorted) ....	376 tins		

**Disinfection.**

1. Number of investigations made of Notified Infectious Disease cases .. .. .	76
2. Number of premises fumigated or otherwise disinfected .. .. .	15
3. Number of cases where clothes were disinfected .. .. .	6
4. Number of cases where bedding was destroyed .. .. .	Nil.

**Disinfestation.**

A new van was purchased during the year and its larger capacity has proved of great value. The Department is called upon to deal with infestations of a most varied nature. Advantage has been taken of the services offered by entymological laboratories for the identification of insects. This enables specific measures to be taken in their eradication. This service may be said to work on the basis of “Why should not the complaint be a matter for our concern?” rather than to ask why it should and it is thought the assistance afforded the public is appreciated.

**Departmental Distribution of Disinfectants and Insecticides.**

Disinfectant .. .. .	163 tins
Disinfectant (Soap) .. .. .	30 lbs.

## **PART II.—ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHOPS ACT, 1950**

In accordance with the Agreement between this Authority and the Glamorgan County Council, the Report annually required is herewith submitted on the administration of the Shops Act, 1950.

### **1.—Early Closing.**

The early closing day varies in the district by reason of traders having exercised their legal right of opting for the alternate day. The exercise of the above right has resulted in a variation of day within the same township. The community, however, appears to be well served. Particular attention has been paid to ensure that premises open for the sale of exempted goods do not sell articles not included in the Schedule.

### **2.—Closing Hours.**

Shops within the area close according to the times set out in the Act.

The hours of closing permitted by the Shops Act, 1950, operate within the area, the local Closing Order of 1915 being invalid due to incompatibility with the above Act.

### **3.—Employment of Young Persons.**

The provisions of the Shops Act, 1950, and the Young Persons (Employment) Act, 1938, are generally observed within the area. The hours of work of these young persons and the conditions of their employment are duly investigated during routine inspections.

No matters affecting young persons and requiring action under the above Act arose during the year. Liaison with the Youth Employment Bureau has proved of much assistance in the administration of these provisions.

### **4.—Authorised Officers.**

Your Chief Public Health Inspectors and first Additional Public Health Inspector are Authorised Officers under the above Act.

## 5.—General Observations of the Year's Work.

During 1964, 792 inspections were made for matters falling within the Shops Act, 1950.

In order to ensure that the hours of closing and the provisions with regard to Sunday trading are being observed, visits have been made during the evenings in the course of the year and in general it is felt that the provisions of the Act are being respected.

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